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SUBJ: CIVAIR-CHARTER FLIGHT APPLICATIONS

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1. ON NOV 19 ACTING ECON COUNSELOR CALLED ON BRIGADIER NEME AND MADE PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN PARA 2 REF A. NEME'S REACTION WAS NOT CLEAR-CUT. IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER AGAIN EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. NEME'S FIRST REACTION WAS THAT PROPOSAL SHOULD BE MADE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE REPLIED THAT THIS WAS NOT A PROPOSAL FOR A FORMAL AGREEMENT. NEME WENT ON TO INDICATE THE FELT US CARRIERS IN CONVERSATIONS WITH USG, WERE EXAGGERATING THEIR DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING GOA APPROVAL FOR CHARTERS. HE SAID THAT IF US CARRIERS ABIDED BY ARGENTINE REGULATIONS, WHICH HE SAID WERE IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES, THEY WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM. HE SAID RECIPROCITY AND COMITY INCLUDE EACH COUNTRY'S CARRIERS COMPLYING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES REGULATIONS. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE CITED A US NON-SCHEDULED CHARTER COMPANY WHICH HAD OBTAINED APPROVAL OF 26 CHARTER FLIGHTS DURING LAST YEAR. HE SAID THAT US REGULATIONS ARE MORE DIFFICULT THAN ARGENTINAS BECAUSE, WHEREAS UNDER GOA REGULATIONS A YES OR NO ANSWER MUST BE GIVEN, THE CAB CAN AVOID A DEFINITE ANSWER AND ISSUE A DENIAL AT THE LAST MINUTE.

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2. WE REPLIED THAT IN PRACTICE US CARRIERS HAVE HAD GREAT

DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING TIMELY GOA ACTION ON CHARTERS AND IN FACT, ONE CARRIER HAD SIMPLY GIVEN UP PROMOTING CHARTER FLIGHTS TO ARGENTINA FOR THAT REASON. WE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NEME WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER OUR PROPOSAL FOR A MODUS VIVENDI AND THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET AGAIN WITHIN A FEW DAYS AS TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER.

3. NEME AGAIN SAID THAT WE SHOULD TAKE UP THE MATTER WITH THE FONMIN. WE RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL INFORMALLY WITH FONMIN AT LEVEL NO HIGHER THAN UNDERSECRETARY BECKMANN.

4. FYI: ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE OF A US AIR CARRIER HAS HEARD RUMORS THAT DNTAC MAY BE PLANNING TO CUT US CARRIERS BACK TO LEVEL OF 13 FREQUENCIES PER WEEK. THERE WAS NO INDICATIONS OF THIS IN OUR CONVERSATION WITH NEME. DECON 11/20/75.
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